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A group of senior military officers recorded a message calling on Chavez to resign and the message was played on TV. (Venezuelan TV)

In a separate press conference, the Inspector General of the National Guard called on Chavez to resign. (Venezuelan TV)

A tank unit loyal to President Chavez proceeded from the Defense Ministry to the Miraflores Presidential Palace and deployed in protective positions around the palace. (Embassy, Venezuelan TV)

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Casualties from the day's protests are 24 dead and at least 80 wounded. (Embassy, citing local police)

None of Venezuela's seven privately-owned TV stations are able to broadcast since the GOV shut down power to them in the afternoon. One, Globovision, is broadcasting by satellite with the help of DirecTV. (Embassy, Venezuelan TV)

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